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The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), before the mailing of the first Office action on the merits.

**RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT**

The relevance of the foreign-language document is described in the present specification. An English translation of the foreign-language document is not readily available. However, the absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language document (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609). An English language abstract is attached to Document A1.

Applicant respectfully requests that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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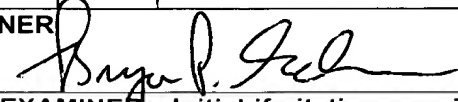
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	TRANSLATION
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